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To the Honorable Members of the Appropriations, Human Services and Energy and Technology Committees:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify on the LIHEAP Block Grant. I am here because of my concern that the current structure of the program may not induce vendors in my district to participate in the program. This may result in eligible applicants having no source of supply. While the new pricing index and the implementation of the zone pricing as contained in the plan are steps in the right direction, it would also be helpful if the plan required prompt payment and if our CAP agencies engaged in vigorous outreach to vendors before the heating season begins. Thanks again for giving me this opportunity.